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GUIDE FOR CLUB DISCUSSION

Based on "End the Cold War at Home;" by Claude Lightfoot, Political Affairs, 9/55

A national Communist Party conference in August, 1955, held out the perspective of a major offensive to restore the Bill of Rights as a consequence of the Geneva conference. As Claude Lightfoot stated in the main report: "In order to implement the Geneva conference, the times call for a national crusade which will demand not only an end to the cold war generally, but also to the cold war at home - the war against civil liberties which is largely a product of the international cold war." The following questions are designed to facilitate the fullest discussion of the new possibilities in the fight for the Bill of Rights, as well as to lead to an examination of the prospects for expanding the fight on key national issues cited by Lightfoot, and towards a Supreme Court review in the California Smith Act Case.

1. Why does the Geneva conference "open up broad vistas" for ending the cold war at home?
2. What bearing does the prospect for peace have on the "clear and present danger" argument used both as ideological and legal justification for suspending Bill of Rights guarantees?
3. Why won't these prospects for ending the cold war at home be realized automatically? What are the immediate dangers unless there is a mass people's crusade for restoration of the Bill of Rights?
4. What are the two main errors Lightfoot warns we should avoid in estimating the prospects on the civil liberties front?
5. What mistakes did the left make following the 1951 Smith Act decision which slowed up the possibilities for developing a mass fight to assure the protection of the Bill of Rights for Communists as well as all Americans?
6. Discuss recent developments and prospects in California for enlisting the labor movement, Negro people, middle-class and liberal groups in the fight against the McCarran Act and review of the California Smith Act case, as well as the Lightfoot and Nelson cases? How can they be realized in your union, mass organization or area both through mass educational and planned public activities?

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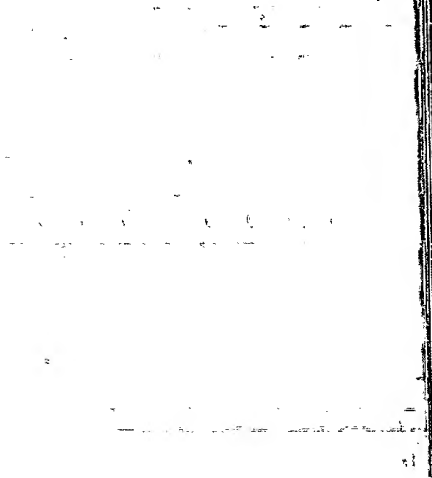
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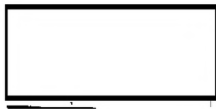
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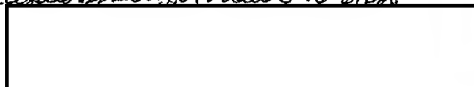
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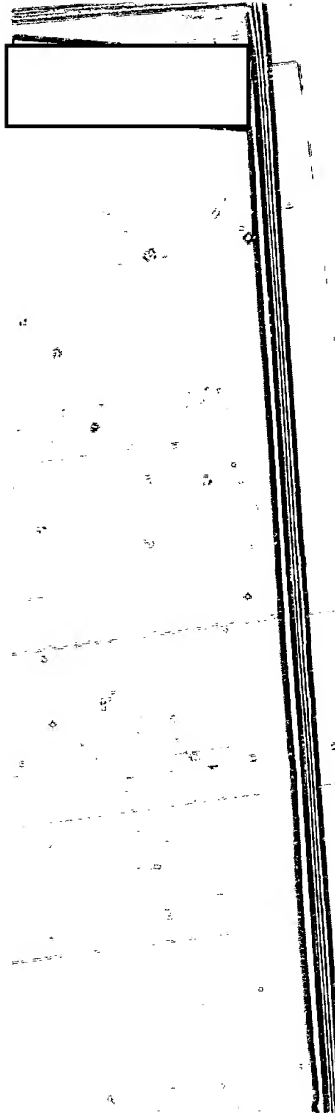
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MEMO ON BILL OF RIGHTS FUND DRIVE AND MASS CAMPAIGN ON SMITH ACT APPEAL.

(To be used as discussion guide.)

I. SIGNIFICANCE OF SUPREME COURT GRANTING REVIEW IN CALIFORNIA SMITH ACT CASE.

- First time in four years Court has agreed to review a Smith Act Case--since upholding constitutionality of Smith Act in Dennis Case, June 1951.
- Dennis decision let loose wave of repression thruout country, 150 arrests under Smith Act, countless prosecutions in other forms (McCarran Act, McCarran-Walter Act, Brownell-Butler Act, Loyalty oaths, Screenings, etc.)
- Two other Smith Act cases already turned down by Supreme Court; Baltimore case and the Flynn case (2nd New York trial.)
- Decision of Court to grant review not limited to any single legal point, as is usually done. Court granted full review without limitations.
- In 1951 Dennis decision, the Court said; "Where there is any doubt about the intent of the defendants, the nature of their activities, or their power to bring about the evil, this court will review the convictions with the scrupulous care demanded in the Constitution."
- By granting review in this case, after turning down appeals in two previous cases, the Court is finally keeping its promise to take a "second look" at Smith Act convictions.

II. WHAT BROUGHT ABOUT THIS TURNING POINT ?

- *The wave of McCarthyism was a sign of the offensive of pro-fascist forces in our country that co-incided with the increasing war danger that reached its climax around Korea, Indo-China and Formosa.
- Arguments that war was inevitable, our national security in danger, the Big Lie, etc, was used to still and intimidate opposition to McCarthyite attacks upon Bill of Rights.
- Ending of Korean war, and subsequent events, was the result of strength of peace movement thruout the world, and opposition of American people to being plunged into atomic world war.

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-Co-inciding with the easing of war tensions, opposition to McCarthyism rapidly grew, and McCarthy himself was curbed. A number of partial victories against persecution were won throughout the country, as growing voices of public opinion spoke out against suppressing the Bill of Rights.

-Geneva marked the turning point towards ending the cold war; opened great opportunities also, for ending the cold war at home, against the Bill of Rights.

III. FAVORABLE SITUATION FOR NULLIFYING SMITH ACT AND OTHER REPRESSIONS.

- Supreme Court now reviewing McCarran Act, state sedition laws (Nelson Case;) and Smith Act.
- Appeal against McCarran Act supported by "Friend of the Court" brief signed by 360 Americans, including U.S. Senator McNamara of Michigan and many other notables.
- Nelson appeal argued by former general counsel of the A.F. of L.
- California Smith Act appeal, supported at various stages of the appeal by "Friends of the Court" briefs filed by A.C.L.U., ILWU, Methodist Social Welfare Federation of Southern Calif., Unitarian Fellowship, group of Yale law professors, and groups of individual signers, including scientists, university professors, etc.
- Right to obtain counsel for Smith Act cases and appeals upheld by action of California State Bar Assn., and Bar Associations throughout the country in various trials (Denver, Connecticut, Cleveland).
- Public expressions against Smith Act prosecutions were voiced at various times by ACLU, Americans for Democratic Action, CIO, St Louis Post Despatch, N.Y. Post, Colorado Labor Advocate, etc, and many prominent individuals.
- Northern Calif. unions representing 50,000 workers passed resolutions against Smith Act in 1951-52.
- No recent campaign conducted, but mass campaign can now turn general anti-McCarthy sentiment into mass demand for ending Smith Act, McCarran Acts, etc.
- '56 election will have peace and democratic rights among outstanding issues; favorable time for Smith Act mass campaign.
- Supreme Court decisions on de-segregation and other Bill of Rights issues shows pressure of public opinion.
- Decision to review Smith Act case may already have effect of halting or minimizing further Smith Act arrests, and holding up action on appeals in Appellate Courts pending Supreme Court decision.
- Our estimate; International developments towards peace, political situation in country, plus mass campaign that reaches to broad circles can result in winning victory.

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IV. BILL OF RIGHTS FUND DRIVE--NOVEMBER 15TH TO JANUARY 31ST, 1955.

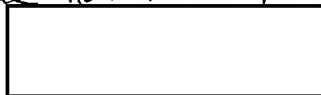
- Quotas based on minimum legal costs plus expenses of extensive mass campaign--state and national.
- Legal costs consist primarily of printing costs; travel, court, record, etc. Prominent attorney's serving without fee.
(Example of required costs: estimated printing costs, 20,000; binding the trial transcript, \$2,600, etc.)
- One-third of budget to finance mass campaign.
- Fund drive to be conducted as part of mass campaign.
 - Hundreds of house affairs.
 - Public meetings and affairs.
 - Days pay voluntary contributions (January)
 - Make up lists of contacts to visit for contributions.
 - Bazaars and rummage sales.
- Organize broad observance of Bill of Rights Anniversary Week around Dec. 15th. Also Left-Progressive activities.
- Distribution of material that will be available .
 - Addressed to Trade Unionists, Negro People, Liberals
 - 100,000 Tabloids for mass distribution. (Feb. or March)
 - Send out suitable material to mailing lists, as well as distribute at union halls, churches, neighborhoods, shops, etc.
- Action by organizations-get resolutions adopted in trade unions, other organizations, in connection with Bill of Rights Anniversary. Get speakers invited to address organizations.
- Organize letter writing to newspapers on the Smith Act.
- Soliciting of organizations and individuals to sign "Friends of the Court" briefs supporting the appeal, or public statements or newspaper-ads.
- If funds permit; radio and T.V. programs.
- This does not exhaust the list of possible activity. Organizations discussing this should use their own initiative in adding to it.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE USED IN THE
CLUB PLAN OF WORK

1. Adopt a mass approach to the development of lists of contacts, including:
 - a) Old friends who are showing renewed political interest.
 - b) People who reacted to political struggles and participated in electoral campaigns, Till case, outlawing the H and A bombs, and other current activities.
2. Make up lists of contacts who can be asked to participate in the campaign.
 - a) For financial support.
 - b) For political support such as attending meetings on the case; helping to get action in mass organizations; helping to get campaign literature to large numbers of people, for mailing lists.
3. Organize house meetings on the California case and the Smith Act. Keep in mind Bill of Rights anniversary week, Dec. 15. Secure speakers for such meetings thru CEDC.
4. Help make the Xmas Market, which is co-sponsored by CEDC, a great success by preparing and soliciting material and articles for sale, getting volunteers to help man booths etc., organizing a large attendance to the market- invite and bring friends and contacts.
5. Help extend the CEDC mailing lists.
6. Help secure volunteers to assist CEDC mass mailings and distribution of folders, letters, leaflets.
7. Organize money raising affairs - keep in mind affairs that fit in with the holidays.
8. Examine contacts with mass organizational connections, with a view to securing resolutions, reactions to CEDC mailings, inviting speakers on the California case, securing action on the Smith Act, getting observance of bill of Rights Anniversary, action on the McCarran act, the fight against screening, etc.
9. Encourage and organize letter writing to daily newspapers, trade union papers, the Negro press, etc.

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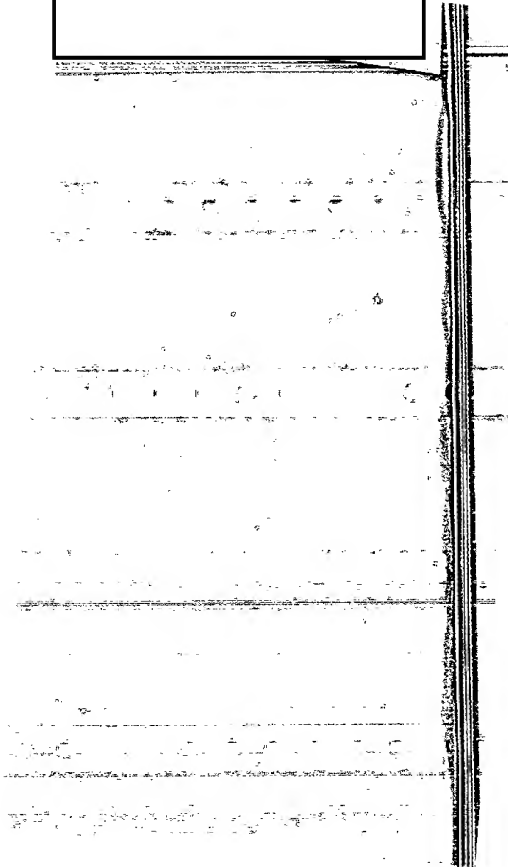
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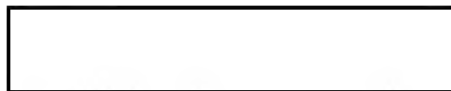
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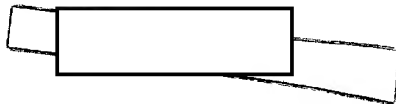
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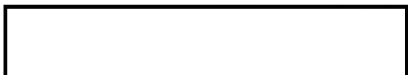


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CLUB DISCUSSION ON 1956 PEOPLE'S WORLD CIRCULATION DRIVE

This is a combination quiz and discussion. It is suggested that the club chairman read aloud the following paragraphs from the PW editorial of December 2, 1955, and then proceed to the quiz. Have everyone participate in the answers. Majority view prevails. Fill in the quiz and return it to your section. We'll let you know your score as soon as the first sub from your club gets turned in!

Will the merged labor federation realize the great potential of its numerical strength to defend and advance the interests of working people, and to win for labor its rightful place in the nation's councils?

Will the 1956 election campaign give expression to the desire of the vast majority of people for peace, for economic security, for equal rights, for democratic liberties and social progress?

Will the great promise of the Geneva 'summit' conference be realized in a negotiated settlement of the cold war?

Will the 'thaw' in the cold war bring an end to the repressive hysteria, and a full restoration of the Bill of Rights?

Such are the momentous questions that require a decision. We believe the Daily People's World has vital answers to such questions, and an important mission in helping to shape the decisions.

Our circulation drive is, in a way, an opening gun in the 1956 campaign. Bringing the paper to more and more readers will help to spread an advanced progressive program in the elections, and help to increase progressive influence in the campaign.

Our circulation drive will also be part of the over-all fight to safeguard freedom of the press and to secure vindication of our editors, whose Smith Act conviction is being reviewed by the Supreme Court.

The success of the drive will depend on the active participation of every supporter of the paper. We call upon you to help take advantage of the great opportunities for progressive advance in our country by building the circulation of the Daily People's World.

1. The overall prospects for the 1956 PW circulation drive in our union or mass activity have been ☐ greatly increased
☐ decreased
☐ remained the same

as a result of the 'Geneva spirit' and recent civil liberties advances.
(Choose one)

2. Increasing the circulation of the PW this year will: (Choose one)

a) Decisively influence the 1956 presidential elections

b) Raise the understanding of a whole group of new readers so they can work more effectively for advance in '56.

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3. The daily circulation of the PW is lower than the weekend circulation because (choose one)
- a) PW readers read the capitalist press and don't have time to read the PW each day
 - b) Most of the news in the daily can be found in the week-end edition anyhow.
 - c) It is too difficult to deliver and too expensive to get daily subs.
 - d) We underestimated the political need for a daily and willingness of many workers to read the daily. We therefore focused greater organizational attention on distribution of the week-end paper.
4. The biggest source for daily subs will be found among; (Choose one)
- a) Current week-end readers
 - b) Newstand circulation
 - c) On-the-job deliveries
5. The best way to tie in the PW circulation drive with industrial concentration is to select a factory gate before which to sell it regularly.
TRUE _____ FALSE _____ (Explain why)
6. Contacts currently being made in the campaign against the Smith Act and in defense of freedom of the press open up new avenues for PW circulation.
TRUE _____ FALSE _____
7. In answer to the argument that the PW is a 'biased paper' put out by 'the Communists' and not an 'impartial and free press' as the 'big newspapers' are, which approach is best:
- a) the PW is not the official organ of the Communist Party
 - b) The big papers - Examiner, Tribune, Times - are biased in favor of the big businessmen who own them; the PW is Biased in favor of labor and the Negro people.
 - c) The PW is not a Communist paper but Communists do work on it and support it and it reports and analyzes the news from a progressive point of view.
 - d) There is no such animal as a 'free press'. The content of a paper is determined by those who own it, not by the reading public.
8. In the present period of building a coalition of the American people, the PW is the main expression of the independent role of the left in California.
TRUE _____ FALSE _____
9. In working in a right-led organization which of the following methods would prove most successful;
- a) Single out the most advanced people and try to interest them in the PW
 - b) Bring to the leadership's attention certain key articles in the PW
 - c) Circulate copies of clippings from the PW at meetings or in conversation
 - d) Have other PW builders approach the 'best' contacts.

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10. The time is still not ripe to sell the PW in front of union meetings, community gatherings, shop gates, etc. TRUE___FALSE___

11. Lenin said of the Marxist press; "A paper is not merely a collective propagandist and collective agitator, it is also a collective organizer." In each of the following, cite which key role you feel the PW played: propagandist, agitator, organizer:

- a) Emmett Till case
- b) AFL-CIO merger
- c) Geneva 'summit' meeting

12. Robert Miner quotes Lenin on the founding and role of the Daily Worker: "...the role of the paper as a popular mass organ for leadership and organizing of the day-to-day struggles of the working class-- a popular revolutionary paper reaching out far beyond the narrow circles of the workers and into the depths of the native working class steeped in the traditions and ways of the country."

The PW meets this goal. TRUE___FALSE___

To improve the 'reaching out' of the PW, it needs improvement in:

- a) Strengthening its circulation
- b) Improving technically
- c) Changing its content to be 'steeped more in traditions and ways of the country'.
- d) Becoming more of a 'popular revolutionary paper'.

13. To get your club PW drive off to the best start, first thing to be tackled is:

- a) Selection of a drive director
- b) More discussion on role and circulation possibilities of the PW this year.
- c) Concrete examination and assignment of circulation goals in union or activity.

14. WHAT'S YOUR CLUB PLAN: (Fill out and return)

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1. The first part of the document is a list of the names of the members of the committee who have been appointed to study the problem of the distribution of the public lands of the State of California.

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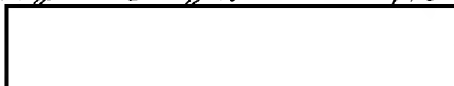
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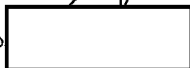
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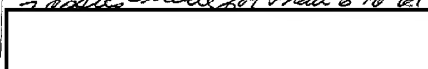
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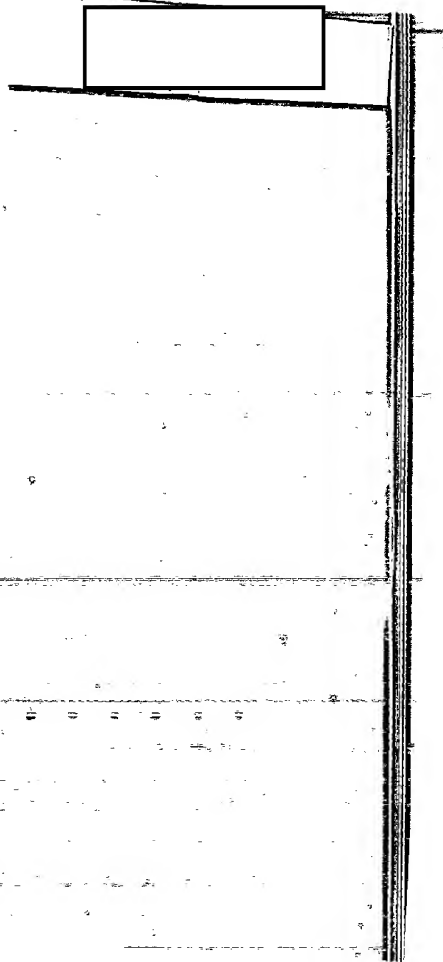


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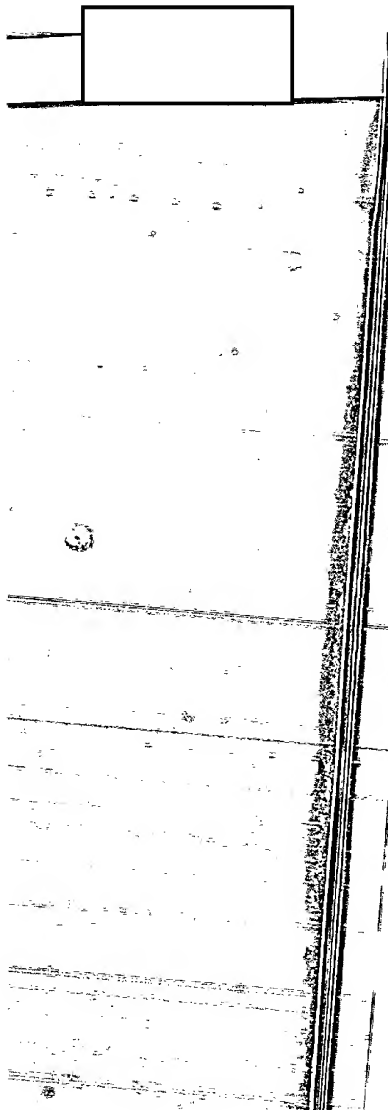
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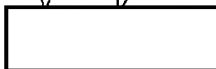
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To survey the industry along the following lines:

1. Situation in the industry
 - Main trends and developments in the industry
 - Field
 - Packing Shed
 - Processing
 - From 1945 to 1955
 - a. Industrialization and rationalization
 - Crops and areas and how affected. For example, the lettuce pack has now become a field operation and has completely changed the character of this job
 - Crops in their relative importance. For example, cotton has become relatively much more important in recent years
 - b. Trade union situation and working conditions
 1. Trends in this regard
 - Effect of mechanization
 - Main trade union developments and experiences
 2. Situation in the main ag. areas for the Industry as well as for the general trade union movement.
 - a. Sacramento and North Valley
 - b. Stockton and Modesto
 - c. Fresno
 - d. Bakersfield
 - e. Salinas
 - f. Santa Clara
 - g. Imperial Valley
- How does trade union base compare to previous base and situation
 - Effect of industrialization and growth of these areas
 - Relative trade union base and strength
 - Role of unions politically in the communities and areas, etc.
2. National group make up of Ag. workers
 - Trends and developments relative to stabilizing working forces
 - Mexican-Americans and Mexican Nationals (and now the added possibility of Philippine imports of workers) and policy in regards to these Nationals.
3. Effect of labor merger and perspective for co-ordx org. drive among un-organized sections of industry.
4. Party program for the Industry

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1004-S on 9/9/55. This report, dated 9/7/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report of the Communist Party
Stockton, California
Sept. 7, 1955

"On Tuesday evening, Sept. 6, 1955 a Communist Party meeting was held at the Howard Thompson home. Those persons attending were:

Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson
Howard and Evangeline Keylor
Larry Kilmer

"The meeting was an educational and was led by Evangeline Keylor. The subject was an article on the 45th Annual Convention of the "AACP by Dorey A. Wilkerson in the August issue of Political Affairs. About an hour was spent on discussion of the article.

"The next educational will be based on an article in the May 1955 Political Affairs titled 'The Fight Against White Chauvinism' by Andrew Stevens. Instead of choosing a leader for this meeting it was agreed that each member attending will bring 4 questions based on the first two points in the article.

"The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Refreshments were served and those present watched television until about 10:30 PM.

[redacted]
SF 1004-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/26/55 and was unable to furnish any additional information.

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cc: [redacted] SF 1004-S

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cc: 100-311446 [redacted]

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

LEILA NOLAND
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 9/9/55. This report, dated 9/7/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
Sept. 7, 1955

"On Friday afternoon, Sept. 2, 1955, HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON visited LEILA NOLAND at her home in Wilseyville. They arrived at approximately 2:30 PM and they stayed about 45 minutes. They had friends with them who remained in the yard while the THOMPSONs visited with LEILA in the house.

"HOWARD THOMPSON invited LEILA to visit them for two or three days sometime during the next two weeks so that she can contact people she knows in the Stockton area who might donate to the People's World Fund Drive. She agreed to the visit and said she would be down as soon as she receives her check from Berkeley.

/s/ [redacted] b7D

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/26/55 that LEILA NOLAND continues to be a member in good standing in the Communist Party. Due to her long time membership in the CP, she is not required to attend meetings regularly. She continues to make contributions to the CP and attend meetings of the CP at Stockton, California, when she is in the area. She is not included in the CP registration.

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed on 9/26/55 and could furnish no additional information.

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cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 9/16/55. This report, dated 9/16/55 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
September 14, 1955

"On Tuesday evening, September 13, 1955, the following persons gathered at the Howard Thompson home for a Communist Party meeting:

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
JACK JILGERT
EVANGELINE KEYLOR

"Since there were only four members present, no formal meeting could be held, but EVANGELINE KEYLOR had brought a letter from LARRY KILMER for the Club. It was a letter of resignation from the Club. KILMER stated that, because of his speech impediment, he did not feel he could take an active part in the Club and therefore he felt that he was holding back progress in the group. He said he will always believe in Communism and the principals it stands for.

"Those present agreed that HOWARD THOMPSON should return the letter to KILMER and tell him that the Club would not accept his resignation and that he will not be expected to lead educationals or take part in any discussion unless he feels like it.

"Because the discussion did not take the form of a regular meeting, it was decided that the meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 15th at Thompson's.

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/s/ [REDACTED]

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/26/55 and was unable to furnish any additional information.
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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

ARNOLD EMERAL HOLUB, aka
SCE PI

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/10/55 that ARNOLD EMERAL HOLUB is not known to the Communist Party at Stockton, California and that HOLUB has not been connected with the CP or CP Front groups at Stockton or Turlock, California since 1948.

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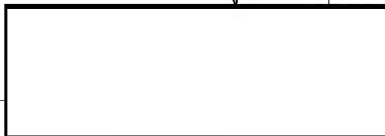
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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

RE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on September 15, 1955. This report, dated September 14, 1955, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
September 14, 1955

"On Monday evening, September 12, 1955, HOWARD THOMPSON stopped in at the HOWARD KEYLOR home. HOWARD KEYLOR had asked him to come by in as much as he will be working nights and unable to attend Communist Party meetings for a few weeks and he wanted to discuss the agenda for the coming meeting. The agenda was planned and HOWARD KEYLOR suggested that the Club get out a leaflet for mailing based on the lynchings in Mississippi, using the editorial in the September 12th issue of the People's World for foundation material."

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on September 26, 1955 and could furnish no additional information.

Action Recommended: File.

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cc: [REDACTED] (SF 1604-S)
100-29504
100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
97-27 (DPW)
100-9720 (CP NEGRO QUESTION)

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on September 27, 1955. This report, dated September 25, 1955, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
September 25, 1955

"A meeting of the Communist Party was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, September 15, 1955 with the following persons in attendance:

LARRY KILMER
EVAEGLINE KEYLOR
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
JACK JILBERT.

"HOWARD THOMPSON presided over the meeting in the absence of the Chairman, HOWARD KEYLOR. Dues were collected from those present and then the meeting evolved into an informal discussion of what the Club had already secured for the People's World Bazaar and what they could collect before time for THOMPSON to take the things to San Francisco.

"The date for the next meeting, an educational, was set for Thursday evening, September 22nd at THOMPSON's."

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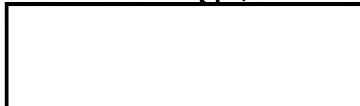
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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on September 28, 1955 and could furnish no additional information.

Action Recommended: File.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, San Francisco (100-11889)

10/10/55

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA
13th District
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 9/27/55. This report, concerning a meeting of the delegates from the Northern California Valley outlying counties held in San Francisco on September 18, 1955, is dated September 25, 1955. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
September 25, 1955"

"On September 18, 1955 at about 10:00 AM, Delmer Berg arrived at the Thompson's and after loading up canned fruit and other items for the People's World Bazaar they (Howard Thompson and Delmer Berg) left for the Regional meeting in San Francisco. They arrived at the PW

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cc: 61-390 (GLS)

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cc: [redacted] SF 1604-S)
100-27988 [redacted]
97-27 (PW) [redacted]
100-32000 [redacted]
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100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)
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100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)
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building at about 11:30 AM and were met by Marie 'Goran', Lillian Ransom and Barney 'DeVeto' from Marysville. At about the time the car was unloaded, Rudy Lambert came from another meeting and said the people had better eat something before beginning the meeting. Everyone except Rudy Lambert then went to the Fosters restaurant for lunch and there were met by Lambert and Art Goran who had been visiting a person called 'Harry'.

"After finishing lunch Rudy took Marie Goran and Lillian Ransom and Thompson followed with Berg and Barney DeVeto and Art returned to 'Harrys'. They then drove to the home of Leo Barroway and everyone got out and went in, supposedly to visit Leo. After a few minutes, Lambert left in his car and a short time later the remainder of the party walked up to Rudy's home, with Leo as the guide. Leo then returned without entering the house. They were met at the door of Rudy's apartment by Lee Kutnik and on entering the apartment were introduced to Wes 'Bodkin' (5' 9"-10", black hair, brown eyes, round face, has mole over left eyebrow, small growth on right eyelid, weight approximately 190, age 35-38).

"After introductions, Lee called the meeting to order. She then discussed the PW drive and gave everyone a mimeographed sheet of an outline or guide for Club discussion based on an article in the September Political Affairs, 'End the Cold War at Home' by Claude Lightfoot (copy enclosed). She then stated that the Party felt that due to the easing of tension by the government security forces and the lessening of fear by the people, it was once again possible to recruit new members and re-recruit or reactivate past members in the organization.

"She then asked for reports on work being carried on by the County Clubs. Delmer Berg stated his county had not done anything of value. Marie stated that due to internal strife they were unable to accomplish anything.

"At this time Wes 'Bodkin' gave a report on the findings of the National Communist Party Conference in August concerning the Geneva conference. The text of his report follows.

"It was felt by the Party leadership that the Geneva conference did a great deal toward ending the international tension and with the easing of this tension internationally there would also be an easing of the tension at home, for the people of this country are no longer easily swayed by the cry of Communism and reactionary forces, having been unable to accomplish their goal of the imprisonment of the Party leaders through the use of paid stool pigeons and by intimidation, the

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Party finds itself in a much better position to work with mass organizations.

"During the trials of the leadership, the government has brought out that certain members of the Party leadership went underground and used this to try to prove a point of subversion on the part of the Party. The Party did not go underground to accomplish any great subversive acts, but rather, due to harassment of certain leaders, they were unable to accomplish anything in the open.

"But presently we find that the intimidation, the prosecution and persecution of the Party members was only one step, or the beginning of the prosecution, persecution and intimidation of the laboring class or workers by the leaders of the capitalist monopoly group leaders.

"A great many leaders of labor unions, as well as rank and file members are beginning to realize that this program is not meant for the Communists but rather is one step toward the intimidation of labor groups, as with McCarthy, the intellectuals, middle class, bourgeoisie and labor leaders, through a coalition defeated his drive for power. But this organization by these people was not a solid, closely knit organization, but one that was held together because of their realization that it was the beginning of a fascist type regime.

"We find within the Party leadership two lines of thought. One group which feels that nothing has been accomplished and that we are still in the same position that we were in before the Geneva conference. The other group feels that we have accomplished a great deal and that the pressure will be off all Party members. After a great deal of discussion by the National Committee, the conclusion was reached that the Party should work with any and all groups wherever possible on those points which they are in agreement with the Communist Party.

"Delmer Berg then brought up the question of working with groups other than leftist groups, saying that they were unable to work with them. Thompson was then asked to discuss this situation, wherein he stated that we of the Party should not go into an organization to agitate them on points over which we disagree with them, but rather to help their efforts in combatting those things they felt were detrimental to their organization. Using first the example of the Independent Progressive Party wherein we judged the membership by the criteria of the Party member, with the result of ending with only Party members in charge of the organization. It would be hard to bring up at an NAACP meeting a fight against the right to work laws, because the Negro,

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beingunable to join a great number of labor organizations or trade unions, would feel undoubtedly that these bills would help the Negro, but on the other hand the fight against the right to work laws can be carried on in the machinist union which is noted for its chauvinistic attitude towards the Negro and the opening of the union to Negro membership could not be pushed to any great extent without the agitation of the union membership.

"Wes then stated that certain beliefs that are considered leftist at one time will later be considered common ordinary center of the road beliefs, examples being social security and old age pensions, etc. This ended the discussion along these lines.

"Lee Kutnik gave each delegate a summary sheet for the re-registration of all members (copy enclosed),

"The next meeting will be held October 23, 1955 in Wheatland, the meeting to start at 10:00 AM, it being presently agreed that Wes Bodkin will catch a bus from San Francisco, getting off at Louise Ave. and going to the home of the Thompson's, will ride from there up to the meeting with Thompson and Berg.

"At this time Barney DeVeto had in his hand a paper concerning the reinstatement or transfer of an Elsie Moore from, or in, Stoneyford.

"The following persons sat in during the meeting:

Barney DeVeto (black hair, brown eyes, 5'6", 125-135 lbs,
from Marysville)

Wes Bodkin
Marie Ceyan
Lillian Ransom
Howard Thompson
Delmer Berg
Lee Kutnik

"Rudy Lambert came in and out of the meeting, saying that he was held up on another meeting due to an accident his mother-in-law had had.

"The following numbers are believed to be the membership of the counties:

San Joaquin	6
Stanislaus	6

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"Lillian gave the impression of there being a membership of 12 in her area and Barney stated the same for him.

"Due to the internal struggle around Sacramento, Marie did not give a figure.

"On Sunday, October 16, 1955 at 11:00 AM there will be a Win the Peace workshop and conference held at the California Labor School, 321 Divisadero St., San Francisco. There will be four persons from San Joaquin County at this conference.

"Delmer Berg and Thompson and Barney then left to go to their car and drove it over two blocks at which time they picked up Marie and Lillian and drove to the PW offices where there was a distribution of literature, such as Masses and Mainstream, etc. Thompson and Berg returned to Thompson's home in Lathrop, Berg then drove to Lodi to find a place to live while he works cutting grapes in that area, but he was unable to find a suitable place so he returned and spent the night with Howard Keylor, leaving the next morning.

/s/ [redacted]
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SF 1604-S was interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/19/55 at which time he advised that BARNEY DEVETO referred to in the report was from Marysville, California and his description was given as approximately 55 years old, 5'4" - 5'6", 135 lbs., brown eyes, black graying hair. SF 1604-S further advised that the registration figures as given by BARNEY DEVETO and LILLIAN RANSOME were confusing as they both responded with same number. It was not clear as to which number they referred to. This informant further advised that it was not possible to observe very clearly the transfer slip on ELSIE MOORE and that it is possible that the spelling of this name might be different. This informant further advised that a transfer slip on one SMITH was noted at this meeting and that this transfer concerned Sacramento. The informant further advised that it was not clear whether SMITH had been transferred into Sacramento or had not been accepted by the Sacramento CP.

SF 1604-S was re-interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/28/55 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

Route copy 100-40231 re ISABEL MOORE to Marysville RA for

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identification. It is believed she is identical with ELSIE MOORE of Stoneyford.

Route 100-0 CG on _____ SMITH to Sacramento RA for identification.

In addition to the above information furnished by this informant enclosed is one copy of "Guide for Club Discussion" by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT taken from the September, 1955, edition of Political Affairs.

SF 1604-S advised that this discussion is to be used by the clubs of the CP in the Northern California Valley Area. Also furnished by SF 1604-S on 9/27/55 and maintained in [] is one copy of the registration form to be used by the various CP clubs during the present registration of CP members.

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SAC (100-29505)

10/13/55

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

JACK FRANK DODSON

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The above subject, along with his wife, BETTY RAESNER DODSON, was last known to reside at 408 N. Filbert, Stockton, California. They are both SI subjects. They have not been active in the CP during the past year. They have frequently worked as fruit packers. They have a green panel Chevrolet truck with California license # A 64513. Also, they have a brown house trailer. They have always used their true names.

SP 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/13/55 that the DODSONS are reported to be residing at the present time in San Jose, California and that JACK DODSON is employed there by a dairy. SP 1604-S was unable to furnish any more specific information at this time.

LEAD: AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Will make inquiry at dairies and trailer courts to ascertain present residence and employment of the subject.

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cc: (SP 1604-S) ✓

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SAC (100-23932)

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

BETTY RAESNER DODSON, was,

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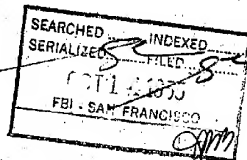
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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-23514)

10/21/55

W SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-25610)

13 AVERILL JOSEPH DEAN

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OO: Los Angeles

Re: SA WILLIAM J. PATTAJA, 9/20/55.

The records of the Stockton, California Credit Bureau were examined by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/4/55. These records disclose the subject's credit rating to be satisfactory. He was employed at Stockton, California as the agency representative for Cornoni and Allen of 1213 N. Highland, Los Angeles, California. His occupation is listed as TV announcer.

Mrs. EDNA C. COGGETT, owner of rooming house at 709 N. Center Street, Stockton, California, advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/5/55 that the subject resided at this rooming house from 7/22/55 to 9/8/55 when he left to go to New York City. She stated that he worked for Stockton Lincoln - Mercury as a TV announcer. She further advised that he was visited by his mother from Los Angeles but she did not know of any other associates.

Mr. DEAN EVANS, General Manager of Stockton Lincoln - Mercury automobile dealers at 640 N. El Dorado, Stockton, California, advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/17/55 that the subject did TV commercials for this company from the first of July, 1955 to the middle of September, 1955. He stated that he did not have the exact dates of employment. According to Mr. EVANS, the subject was employed by the Cornoni and Allen advertising agency. He stated that they are the representatives for several Lincoln - Mercury dealers. He stated that the subject is presently doing commercials for Luxor Lincoln - Mercury, 380 Bruckner Boulevard, Bronx, New York. The subject's current address is c/o BILL ALLEN, 441 Lexington, New York 17, New York. The telephone number is Maryhill 2-2065. Mr. EVANS stated that he asked to have the subject transferred to some other locality as DEAN was troublesome. He stated that the subject has a persecution complex and they had trouble with him on a car that they sold to him. He described the subject as emotionally immature. Mr. EVANS advised that he has no knowledge of any subversive activities on the part of the subject. He stated that the subject was hired through the advertising agency and has no personal connections at Stockton, California.

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Letter to SAC, LA (100-23544)
From SAC, SF (100-25610)
RE: AVERILL, JOSEPH BENJAMIN
10/21/55

The New York office is requested to verify the residence and employment of the subject and to advise the Los Angeles office. For the assistance of the New York office, attached is one copy of the report of SA WILLIAM J. PANTAJA dated 9/20/55 at Los Angeles. RUC.

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TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/24/55

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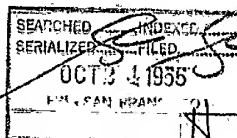
FROM : SA JOSEPH T. DALY

SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

This is to advise that on October 21, 1955 SF 1604-S was contacted by SA JOSEPH T. DALY in connection with the case of [REDACTED] San Francisco file 140-1757. This informant stated that he had known [REDACTED] since 1948. The informant advised that it was his opinion that [REDACTED] was a loyal American and he has known that [REDACTED] has not been a member of the Communist Party or any front groups in San Joaquin County or this area.

The informant further advised that he believed [REDACTED] interests were along hunting, fishing and outdoor life. This information was of great value in connection with this investigation.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-11889)
 FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
 SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13
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DATE: November 7, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 10/28/55. This report, dated 10/26/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"HOWARD KEYLOR and WES BODKIN arrived at the home of HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMSON on Sunday morning, October 23, 1955 at about 8:00 AM, and they all left for the home of LILLIAN RANSOM in Wheatland, after waiting for DELIA BERG of Stanislaus County.

"On the trip up nothing of importance was discussed with the exception of HOWARD KEYLOR asking WES BODKIN if LEILA NOLAND should be carried on the membership rolls of San Joaquin County. WES stated that after a person had been a member of good standing for the number of years that LEILA NOLAND had it was against Party policy to drop them because they were unable to pay dues or take an active part.

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cc: [redacted] SF 1604-S)
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 97-27 (DPW)
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 100-31414 (Yuba Co. CP)
 100-17987 (Sacramento Co. CP)
 100-26388 (Stanislaus Co. CP)
 100-21286 (San Joaquin Co. CP)
 100-36363 (Sutter Co. CP)
 100-21287 (Butte Co. CP)
 100-36364 (Colusa Co. CP)
 100-26239 (CP, Membership)
 100-26165 (Pams & Pubs)
 100-9720 (Negro Question)

100-25687 (Security Measures)
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 100-25347 (Political Activities)

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"Upon arrival at the RANSOM home, LULU MAE THOMPSON took the car and left. WES BODKIN asked if she had any special place to go and THOMPSON replied she did not have, but inasmuch as she had not been invited to the meeting, he felt that it was not his position to push her into the front. Whereupon WES stated that she was welcome to attend the meeting at any time. HOWARD KEYLOR questioned this, stating that in the past security measures would not permit this type of thing. Whereupon WES made the statement 'that we have in the past done a lot of things which we are not doing now', so when LULU MAE THOMPSON arrived back from her drive, HOWARD THOMPSON went out and asked her into the meeting. The feeling being of the great majority at the meeting that LULU MAE THOMPSON was an asset to the Party.

"The other persons attending were:

"MARIE GORAN
LILLIAN RANSOM
VIRGIL COLE

DELMER BERG, who arrived at about 11:30 AM

"WES BODKIN reported on the new phases of Party work and the mode of operation, which, summarized, was that all Party members, especially those who are not known Party members, must work to establish themselves within the framework of a union, church group, political party, NAACP, or any other mass organization available. These members are not to make dramatic stands on leftist procedure, but to work and establish themselves securely in the organization, bringing those from the middle of the road towards the left and where possible to help bring the extreme right to the middle of the road.

"DELMER BERG reported they were having a great deal of trouble in the Club in Stanislaus County. They have been working with the NAACP and both he and PHIL DAVIS were appointed to the nominating committee. DELMER, being unable to attend the meeting, discovered when he returned to Stanislaus County, that DAVIS had gotten himself nominated as President of the NAACP. After some discussion of this, along with the question of bringing MAY MURRAY back into the Party it was decided that WES would ride back with DELMER on the return trip to the THOMPSONS near Stockton.

"MARIE GORAN stated it would be impossible to hold any more Party meetings until after the present difficulties had been straightened out.

"THOMPSON reported on his work within the AF of L Machinists Union and was warned by WES not to make any definite stand for the establishment of a Non-partisan Political League Club, but to allow the Machinists to make the first step.

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"The meeting was adjourned, after which dinner was served by LILLIAN RANSON. Registration figures and dues were turned in to WES BODKIN by each County delegate, separate from each other.

"MARIE, WES and VIRGIL COLE went outside for a long discussion on the Sacramento problem.

"HOWARD KEYLOR reported privately to WES that a couple from Stockton who were now living in San Francisco wished to rejoin the Party and gave WES their address. The names on the paper were JACK and BETTY DODSON (was unable to obtain the address).

"On the return trip the THOMPSONS brought MARIE GORAN to her home in Sacramento and then dropped off HOWARD KEYLOR at his home. About one hour after they arrived at their home, DELMER BERG and WES arrived. They stopped only long enough to have coffee and cake and then left in their own cars."

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/28/55 that MARIE GORIN stated at the above meeting of 10/23/55 that the Sacramento group would not hold any more meetings until the trouble with PAT VERBAL is straightened out. MARIE GORIN indicated that they want her expelled from the Party. SF 1604-S advised that the dues and registration figures were handed in separately by each delegate to WES BODKIN.

SF 1604-S could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION:

Send cc for Yuba County CP to Marysville RA; Sacramento County CP to Sacramento RA and Stanislaus County CP to Modesto RA, all for info.

Conduct NO investigation on basis of JACK and BETTY DODSON information as separate memoranda being written.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

11/21/ 55

SA, ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE, by SF 1604-S on 11/10/55. This report, dated 11/9/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
November 9, 1955

"On Tuesday evening, November 8, 1955 a Communist Party meeting was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home. Those attending were HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON and HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR.

"HOWARD KEYLOR, as chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM. He stated that LARRY KILMER had refused to come to the meeting because he feels that he is a hindrance to the Clubs progress. KEYLOR said that he had used every argument he could think of to try to change his mind but he was unsuccessful. After some discussion it was decided the problem cannot be solved in the Club and will be presented to the State Committee which has been working on the Club's difficulties.

"HOWARD KEYLOR suggested recruiting LURA WALTER as a new member for the Club. All present agreed and he said he would approach her on the subject.

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"HOWARD THOMPSON announced he had received a letter from LEE KUTNIK asking to meet with the Club members again, either the last of November or the first part of December. The Club set the date of December 11th at 11:00 AM at the THOMPSON home. The KEYLORS offered to share the expense of the dinner the day of the meeting.

"The Club decided to formulate a chain letter on the Till case, urging that each person receiving the letter write to their Congressman asking him to support Civil Rights legislation.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON was appointed at act as treasurer of the Club until such time as LARRY KILMER can be talked into resuming his membership.

"The next meeting was set for Tuesday evening, November 15, 1955.

"After the close of the meeting plans were completed for the birthday dinner which will be held for LARRY KILMER on Sunday November 13th at the THOMPSON's.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 11/14/55 and could furnish no additional information.

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 11/14/55 that EVANGELINE and HOWARD KEYLOR reside at 536 W. Worth Street, Stockton, California, SF 1604-S stated that EVANGELINE KEYLOR is a regular dues paying member of the Communist Party at Stockton, San Joaquin County, California, and has been one during the year 1955.

RECOMMENDATION:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 11/28/55
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604 - S on 11/18/55. This
report, dated 11/16/55, is set out verbatim and the original
is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"November 16, 1955

"There was a Communist Party meeting at the
Howard Thompson home on Tuesday evening, November 15, 1955.
Those attending the meeting were: Howard and Evangeline Keylor
and Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson.

"Chairman Howard Keylor presided over the meeting.
Each one present read the chain letter he had written and
a mailing list was made so that there wouldn't be any
overlapping in sending the letters out.

Howard Keylor said he had not had an opportunity
to see Lura Walter to ask her about becoming a Party member.
The question was brought up as to what kind of job her
gentleman friend has and Keylor said he felt that he could
explain the situation to Lura and get a straight answer
because she would understand the problem. He said he would
see her sometime during the next week.

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(SF 1604-S)

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100-31446

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100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)

97-27 (PW)

100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBS.)

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"There was a lengthy discussion on possible ways to extend circulation on the People's World in the area, because a communication was received from the paper stating that, if the circulation does not pick up, it will be necessary to make the paper a weekly instead of a daily.

"Keylor said he would try to contact JACK JILBERT to see why he hasn't been attending meetings and also to collect his dues.

"The date for the next meeting was set for Wednesday evening, November 23, 1955.



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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 11/2/55, and could furnish no additional information.

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: December 16, 1955

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 12/5/55. This report, dated 12/5/55, concerns a regional meeting of the Northern California Outlying Counties held in Wheatland, California on 11/29/55. The original report is filed in SF [redacted] and the contents thereof follow below verbatim:

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
December 5, 1955

"On Tuesday, November 29, 1955, DELMER BERG arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 4:30 PM. At about 5:30 PM, WES BODKIN arrived and shortly thereafter WES BODKIN and DELMER BERG left with HOWARD THOMPSON for Wheatland.

"On the way up WES asked THOMPSON as to the activities of any Civil Rights Clubs or inter-racial organizations and the NAACP in Stockton.

"DELMER BERG stated they were having trouble in the Party in Modesto and requested that something be done to speed up the re-instatement of MAY MURRAY in the organization. WES stated that there would have to be a questionaire filled in by MAY MURRAY. He also stated that there were two transfers in the Modesto area.

"The three above mentioned persons arrived in Wheatland at the home of LILLIAN RANSOM at approximately ten minutes to 8:00 and met the following persons: LILLIAN RANSOM, VIRGIL COLE, MARIE GORIN and ARTHUR GORIN, ART leaving before the meeting started.

"The main subject of the agenda was for the Defense Fund Drive. WES gave a long talk on the subject using a mimeographed sheet (copy of which is enclosed) as the basis for his talk and to be used by the Clubs. This money is to be raised through the Christmas Mart to be held at California Hall in San Francisco on December 9, 10, and 11, 1955. The quota for Stockton is \$125.00, Modesto \$125.00, and Sacra [redacted]

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"The Clubs are to check the number of persons that could receive literature from CEDC at 1026 E. Market St., Room 315, San Francisco. The full outline of this is on the last sheet of the pamphlet enclosed.

"Second on the agenda was the circulation drive for the People's World. The drive is not only to increase the number of subscribers but to switch a great number of them from week-end subscriptions to daily subscriptions.

"Pertaining to the coming political campaign, WES stated that the Party does not endorse any of the candidates at the present time, but the National Committee is to meet in the very near future and will make definite plans and commitments.

"In the discussion of the Sacramento problem between MARIE and WES it was revealed that LEE KUNIK and RUDY LAMBERT had made commitments to meet with the Stockton group on December 11th and had also agreed to meet with the Sacramento group in San Francisco on the same date, so it was agreed by those concerned that Sacramento would be given priority over Stockton and the Stockton meeting would be held on Dec. 18th at the home of the THOMPSONs.

"The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM, after which MARIE sold literature and she then rode with the group in THOMPSON's car to Sacramento. DEL, WES and THOMPSON arrived at THOMPSON's at about 1:00 AM. The next meeting will be held January 8, 1956 in San Francisco."

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/5/55 that the above meeting was chaired by WES BODKIN who represented the State Board of the Communist Party. Informant also advised that the conversation between BODKIN and DEIMER BERG regarding two transfers into the Modesto area indicated that these transfers were from the State of Washington. SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/5/55 but could furnish no additional information other than that set forth above.

It should be noted that SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/5/55 that the following outline, also located in [REDACTED] entitled "MEMO ON BILL OF RIGHTS DRIVE AND MASS CAMPAIGN ON SMITH ACT APPEAL", was copied by SF 1604-S from the outline used by WES BODKIN on 11/29/55 at the Wheatland meeting as an outline for his discussion. This outline follows verbatim:

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"MEMO ON BILL OF RIGHTS FUND DRIVE AND MASS CAMPAIGN ON SMITH ACT APPEAL.

"(To be used as discussion guide.)

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"I. SIGNIFICANCE OF SUPREME COURT GRANTING REVIEW IN CALIFORNIA SMITH ACT CASE.

"-First time in four years Court has agreed to review a Smith Act Case—since upholding constitutionality of Smith Act in Dennis Case, June 1951.

"-Dennis decision let loose wave of repression thruout country, 150 arrests under Smith Act, countless prosecutions in other forms (McCarran Act, McCarran-Walter Act, Brownell-Butler Act, Loyalty oaths, Screenings, etc.)

"-Two other Smith Act cases already turned down by Supreme Court; Baltimore case and the Flynn case (2nd New York trial.)

"-Decision of Court to grant review not limited to any single legal point, as is usually done. Court granted full review without limitations.

"-In 1951 Dennis decision, the Court said; 'Where there is any doubt about the intent of the defendants, the nature of their activities, or their power to bring about the evil, this court will review the convictions with the scrupulous care demanded in the Constitution.'

"-By granting review in this case, after turning down appeals in two previous cases, the Court is finally keeping its promise to take a 'second look' at Smith Act convictions.

"II. WHAT BROUGHT ABOUT THIS TURNING POINT?

"-The wave of McCarthyism was a sign of the offensive of pro-fascist forces in our country that co-incided with the increasing war danger that reached its climax around Korea, Indo-China and Formosa.

"-Arguments that war was inevitable, our national security in danger, the Big Lie, etc, was used to still and intimidate opposition to McCarthyite attacks upon Bill of Rights.

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"-Ending of Korean war, and subsequent events, was the result of strength of peace movement thruout the world, and opposition of American people to being plunged into atomic world war.

"-Coinciding with the easing of war tensions, opposition to McCarthyism rapidly grew, and McCarthy himself was curbed. A number of partial victories against persecution were won thruout the country, as growing voices of public opinion spoke out against suppressing the Bill of Rights.

"-Geneva marked the turning point towards ending the cold war; opened great opportunities also, for ending the cold war at home, against the Bill of Rights.

"III. FAVORABLE SITUATION FOR NULLIFYING SMITH ACT AND OTHER REPRESSIONS.

- "-Supreme Court now reviewing McCarran Act, state sedition laws (Nelson Case;) and Smith Act.
- Appeal against McCarran Act supported by 'Friend of the Court' brief signed by 360 Americans, including U.S. Senator McNamara of Michigan and many other notables.
- Nelson appeal argued by former general counsel of the A.F. of L.
- California Smith Act appeal, supported at various stages of the appeal by 'Friends of the Court' briefs filed by A.C.L.U., ILWU, Methodist Social Welfare Federation of Southern Calif., Unitarian Fellowship, group of Yale law professors, and groups of individual signers, including scientists, university professors, etc.
- Right to obtain counsel for Smith Act cases and appeals upheld by action of California State Bar Assn., and Bar Associations thruout the country in various trials (Denver, Connecticut, Cleveland).
- Public expressions against Smith Act prosecutions were voiced at various times by ACLU, Americans for Democratic Action, CIO, St. Louis Post Despatch, N.Y. Post, Colorado Labor Advocate, etc, and many prominent individuals.
- Northern Calif. unions representing 50,000 workers passed resolutions against Smith Act in 1951-52.
- No recent campaign conducted, but mass campaign can now turn general anti-McCarthy sentiment into mass demand for ending Smith Act, McCarran Acts, etc.
- 1956 election will have peace and democratic rights among outstanding issues; favorable time for Smith Act mass campaign.

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- "-Supreme Court decisions on de-segregation and other Bill of Rights issues shows pressure of public opinion.
- Decision to review Smith Act case may already have effect of halting or minimizing further Smith Act arrests, and holding up action on appeals in Appellate Courts pending Supreme Court decision.

- "-Our estimate: International developments towards peace, political situation in country, plus mass campaign that reaches to broad circles can result in winning victory.

"IV. BILL OF RIGHTS FUND DRIVE--NOVEMBER 15TH TO JANUARY 31ST, 1955.

- "-Quotas based on minimum legal costs plus expenses of extensive mass campaign--state and national.

- "-Legal costs consist primarily of printing costs, travel, court record, etc. Prominent attorney's serving without fee.
(Example of required costs: estimated printing costs, 20,000; binding the trial transcript, \$2,600, etc.)

- "-One-third of budget to finance mass campaign.

- "-Fund drive to be conducted as part of mass campaign.

- Hundreds of house affairs.
- Public meetings and aggairs.
- Days pay voluntary contributions (January)
- Make up lists of contacts to visit for contributions.
- Bazaars and rummage sales.

- "-Organize broad observance of Bill of Rights Anniversary week around Dec. 15th. Also Left-Progressive activities.

- "-Distribution of material that will be available.

- Addressed to Trade Unionists, Negro people, Liberals
- 100,000 Tabloids for mass distribution. (Feb. or March)
- Send out suitable material to mailing lists, as well as distribute at union halls, churches, neighborhoods, shops, etc.

- "-Action by Organizations-get resolutions adopted in trade unions, other organizations, in connection with Bill of Rights Anniversary. Get speakers invited to address organizations.

- "-Organize letter writing to newspapers on the Smith Act.

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"Soliciting of organizations and individuals to sign 'Friends of the Court' briefs supporting the appeal, or public statements or newspaper ads.

"-If funds permit; radio and T.V. programs.

"-This does not exhaust the list of possible activity. Organizations discussing this should use their own initiative in adding to it.

"SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE USED IN THE
CLUB PLAN OF WORK"

- "1. Adopt a mass approach to the development of lists of contacts, including
 - "a) Old friends who are showing renewed political interest.
 - "b) People who reacted to political struggles and participated in electoral campaigns, Till case, outlawing the H and A bombs, and other current activities.
- "2. Make up lists of contacts who can be asked to participate in the campaign.
 - "a) For financial support.
 - "b) For political support such as attending meetings on the case; helping to get action in mass organizations; helping to get campaign literature to large numbers of people, for mailing lists.
- "3. Organize house meetings on the California case and the Smith Act. Keep in mind Bill of Rights anniversary week, Dec. 15. Secure speakers for such meetings thru CEDC.
- "4. Help make the Xmas Market, which is co-sponsored by CEDC, a great success by preparing and soliciting material and articles for sale, getting volunteers to help man booths etc., organizing a large attendance to the market- invite and bring friends and contacts.
- "5. Help extend the CEDC mailing lists.
- "6. Help secure volunteers to assist CEDC mass mailings and distribution of folders, letters, leaflets.

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- "7. Organize money raising affairs - keep in mind affairs that fit in with the holidays.
- "8. Examine contacts with mass organizational connections, with a view to securing resolutions, reactions to CEDC mailings, inviting speakers on the California case, securing action on the Smith Act, getting observance of Bill of Rights Anniversary, action on the McCarran Act, the fight against screening, etc.
- "9. Encourage and organize letter writing to daily newspapers, trade union papers, the Negro press, etc."

RECOMMENDATION:

Forward copy designated for the Los Angeles Office to same.

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(CP, Pams & Pubs)

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(CP, Leg. Acts.)

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(Committee Against the Smith Act)

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1/4/56

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES
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-- The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/13/55 by SA 1604-S. This report dated 12/12/55 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
December 12, 1955

"On Wednesday evening December 7, 1955 a Communist Party meeting was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home. Those in attendance were HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR and HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON.

"HOWARD KEYLOR presided over the meeting and called it to order at approximately 8:00 PM. He stated that he had contacted LURA WALTER and had asked her how she felt about becoming a Party member. He reported that she was very interested and he had given her a copy of the Constitution and several articles to study. He then proposed her name for membership in the club and HOWARD THOMPSON stated that

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES
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-- The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/19/55 by SF 1604-S. This report dated 12/15/55 is set out verbatim and the original is contained in [redacted]
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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
December 15, 1955

"On Tuesday, December 13, 1955, a Communist Party meeting was held at the HOWARD KEYLOR home at 536 W. Worth St., Stockton. Those persons attending were HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON, LURA WALTER, JACK JILBERT and HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR.

-- "The meeting was called to order by Chairman HOWARD KEYLOR at about 7:30 PM and he introduced LURA WALTER as the new member of the group and explained the functions of the Club and told her who the officers and members are, mentioning the names of LELLA NOLAND and LARRY KILMER who were not present.

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-- "KEYLOR then reported that he felt that it would be necessary to tighten security measures since the FBI has started questioning people again. He stated that a former Party member, PHIL DAVENPORT, a longshoreman, had been questioned and had consented to talk to them. He said he had had a long talk with DAVENPORT and had set him straight on the position he should take with the FBI, that is, not talking unless his lawyer is present and that he was endangering the position of the Union if he did talk, etc.

-- "Next item on the agenda was a letter from LEO BARROWAY, proposing that the Club hold a party to spur the circulation drive for the paper. The proposal was accepted and plans were made to contact some of the subscribers to find a home to hold the party in, the general feeling being that a bigger attendance might be had if the party was not held at the home of known Party members. The first week-end in February was chosen as a tentative date.

-- "The Appeal Fund Drive by CEDC was discussed and more plans were made for the Rummage Sale which is scheduled for the end of January. EVANGELINE KEYLOR announced that STEVE CHARNASLEY had donated \$20.00 to the County's quota of \$125.00, and JACK JILBERT donated \$3.00.

"The date for the next meeting was set for December 27, 1955, at 7:30 PM at the KEYLOR home.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 1/18/56. This report, dated 1/14/56, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
January 14, 1956

"On Friday evening, January 6, 1956, a Communist Party meeting was held at the Howard Keylor home at 536 W. Worth Street, Stockton, with the following persons attending: Evangeline Keylor, Howard and Lulu Mas Thompson and Lura Walter.

"Howard Thompson presided over the meeting and he called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

"After some discussion, it was decided to still try to get a location for a party for the People's World circulation drive and a tentative date of January 14th was set.

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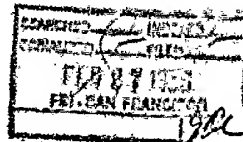
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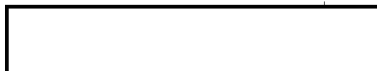
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"The question of the rummage sale to raise funds for CEDC was brought up and it was suggested that it might be difficult to get things for the sale at the present time because of the flood. It was felt that it would be best to continue trying to get things and to set a date for the sale later on when conditions are better.

"The series of articles on the P.G.M. in the People's World was discussed and the Club voted that each subscriber in the Club would forward his issues containing these articles to some person he felt would read the article.

"Leroy Johnson's position on flood control and dams and appropriations was the next item on the agenda and it was proposed that each club member write to Johnson and that they should also request that their friends write also.

"The date for the next meeting was set for Thursday evening January 12, 1956 at the Keylor home.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 1/17/56. This report, dated 1/14/56, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
January 14, 1956

"A Communist Party meeting was held at the Howard Keylor home on Thursday evening, January 12, 1956 and those attending were Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard and Evangeline Keylor.

"Howard Keylor presided over the meeting and announced that it had been impossible to find another location for the People's World Circulation drive party so it was decided to hold the party at the Keylor home and Keylor said that as soon as he heard from the paper regarding a speaker he would contact the Thompsons. Lulu Mae Thompson offered to make the cake for the party and the Keylors said they would furnish the coffee.

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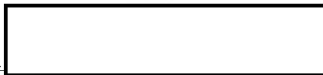
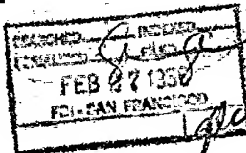
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"The rest of the meeting was taken up with the discussion of the quiz put out by the People's World on the circulation drive. Howard Thompson acted as the moderator.

"The date for the next meeting was set for January 19, 1956 at the Keylors.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (97927)

DATE: March 13, 1956

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD
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SF 1604-S furnished SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/17/56 a copy of a four page discussion guide on the 1956 People's World circulation drive. This copy was made by SF 1604-S from an original copy furnished to SF 1604-S by LEE KUTNIK on 1/8/56. The copy made by SF 1604-S is being maintained as an exhibit in [redacted]

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SF 1604-S advised on 1/31/56 that the above mentioned discussion guide was furnished to each of the representatives to the Northern California outlying counties at their regional CP meeting held in San Francisco, at the home of LEE KUTNIK on 1/8/56. Informant advised that LEE KUTNIK was the CP State representative at this meeting.

The above discussion guide contains LENIN's statements regarding the Marxist press and on the founding and role of the Daily Worker.

This discussion guide also contains responses to questions about the DPW and statements about the role of the paper.

1- DPW (97927)

cc [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

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100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 3/13/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES - SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 2/9/56. This report dated 2/8/56 concerns a Communist Party meeting held at Stockton, Calif., on 2/2/56 and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
February 8, 1956

The Howard Keylor home was the location for a Communist Party meeting on Thursday evening, 2/2/56. Those persons attending the meeting were Lura Walter, Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson, Jack Jilbert and Howard and Evangeline Keylor.

When Keylor called the meeting to order at about 8:00 PM he announced that Rudy Lambert had been in the area the

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night before and that he had gone with him to see Delmer Berg and they had discussed the political situation in this district...When they returned to Stockton. Rudy spent the night with the Keylor's.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the prospective candidates to run against Leroy Johnson and how they stand on the various issues.

Further plans were made for the People's World Party which is to be held at the Keylor home on Saturday night, February 11, 1956. Keylor said that he still had to make his contacts to invite people and the Thompson's had seen some of the people they were to contact.

Howard Thompson stated that he didn't think he would be able to attend the Regional meeting on Sunday because he had not been feeling well and Keylor said he was afraid to say he would go because he probably would have to work. Lulu Mae Thompson offered to represent the Club and her offer was accepted. Keylor asked that whoever represented the Club should get about 20 sets of CEDC literature to send out to some sympathetic people and also to ask Rudy Lambert to come up to see some people personally and to see Larry Kilmer and straighten him out.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at Keylor's on Thursday evening, February 9, 1956.

SF 1604-B was thoroughly questioned by SA SAVAGE on 2/17/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: March 13, 1956

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 1/17/56. This report, dated 1/16/56 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
January 16, 1956

On Sunday, January 8, 1956, Delmer Berg, Harriet and Phil Davis and their son, and Beatrice Sanchez (Mae Murray's

1- CP, USA DISTRICT 13)

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97827 (DPW)
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)
100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
100-11596 (NAACP)
100-26546 (CP EDUCATION)

100-21287 (CP BUTTE COUNTY)
100-31414 (CP YUBA COUNTY)
100-36363 (CP SUTTER COUNTY)
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Daughter) arrived at the Howard Thompson home at about 9:30 AM. Delmer stated that he and Phil had an early appointment in San Francisco so they were going down early in Davis' car instead of with Howard Thompson. They all had coffee at Thompson's before leaving at about 10:15 AM.

Howard Keylor had not arrived at Thompson's at 10:30 AM, so Thompson called him on the phone and he said he would not be able to go. Thompson left at about 10:50 for San Francisco.

At about 1:00 PM Thompson arrived at Foster's restaurant in San Francisco. There he met Lee Kutnik, Virgil Cole, Marie Gorin and Lillian Ransom. In a few minutes they were joined by Delmer Berg and Phil Davis. The party left in two cars (Virgil Cole's and Lee Kutnik's) and drove to the home of Lee Kutnik.

After the meeting was called to order, Virgil Cole suggested that someone else chair the meeting and Thompson was elected chairman. It was then brought up that a new Secretary-Treasurer was needed because Marge Miller had been filling that position and she had been involved in an accident and that she is now living with Pat Verbal who was expelled from the Sacramento Club until such time as she could learn to handle herself in a Comradely attitude. It was also disclosed that Marge Miller had not kept clear records of the money turned in and had supposedly spent some of it for her own needs. Inasmuch as Marie Gorin had been handling this since Marge's accident, she was unanimously elected to this position.

The main points on the agenda were CEDC, People's World and the 1956 political campaign. On CEDC, San Joaquin County had turned in a total of \$20.00 and Thompson turned in an additional \$4.00 and the returns from half the proceeds of the Labor School Christmas Market which came to making a total of

Lee suggested a days pay pledge for CEDC from the members. This idea did not meet with favor with most of the representatives as they felt that this should only be used where the member was fully employed and could not or would not make the contacts for the money. Nearly all of the counties felt they could


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make their quotas. Lee distributed some literature on CEDC and copies are enclosed.

Under the People's World circulation drive, each county acknowledged the number of new subscribers they are to get and Lee Kutnik gave a discussion pamphlet to each representative, covering the People's World circulation drive and the Communist Party (copy enclosed) and stated there were persons lined up to visit, both on the CEDC and the People's World subscription drive.

On the 1956 campaign, Lee Kutnik gave each representative a mimeographed copy of the Party outline for the 1956 campaign, which is to be used in conjunction with the January issue of the Political Affairs. Virgil Cole then stated that the flood disaster could be used to bring pressure on government representatives, citing Leroy Johnson as one. The feeling is that if interest could be awakened in the unions, NAACP, PTA and other related organizations, that perhaps this coalition might be used at a later date to further the development of a middle of the road government.

The next meeting will be held in Wheatland at the home of Lillian Ransom at 11:00 AM on February 5, 1956.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/31/56 and could furnish no additional information.

A separate memo is being written regarding the DPW circulation drive discussion pamphlet which was furnished to SF 1604-S by LEE KUTNIK on 1/8/56.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

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3/13/56

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA
ROBERT F. SAVAGE by CP-1004-S on 2/1/56. This report, dated
1/2/56, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in
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Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
January 30, 1956

The Communist Party held a meeting at the home
of Howard Keylor, 536 W. Worth St., Stockton, on Thursday
evening, January 26, 1956, and those persons present were
Howard and Dympholine Keylor and Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson.

Howard Keylor, the Club Chairman, presided over
the meeting and started by reading the proposed agenda at about
8:00 PM. A long discussion was held at the beginning of the
meeting on the coming election, possible candidates and the
general political situation in the county.

Howard Keylor said he had recently received a bill
for \$5.00 from the People's World and after some checking he found
that it was for a special longshoremen's issue of the paper which he
had received for several weeks and delivered to the union hall.
He proposed that the Club pay the bill, but Lulu Mae Thompson
stated the funds of the Club would not cover the bill, so it was
voted to wait until there are sufficient funds in the treasury and
to notify the paper of the decision. Keylor also stated that the
Club had received 500 copies of the Flood broadside issued by the
People's World and they would cost about \$3.50. All members

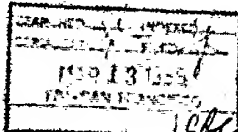
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present paid their January dues and passed an assessment of 25¢ on each member. This money was given to Keylor to pay for the broadsides.

It was decided to distribute the flood broadsides in the Corona Park area and it was planned that the distribution would be handled by Howard Keylor, Thompson and Larry Kilmer. Vince Cababa had volunteered to help so Keylor said he would contact him.

Howard Keylor made up a prospective guest list for the People's World circulation drive party which the Club has planned for February 11, 1956.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 2, 1956, at the Keylors.



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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

April 6, 1956

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 2/15/56. This report, dated 2/14/56, concerns a CP meeting held in Stockton, California on 2/9/56. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
February 14, 1956

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party at the Howard Keylor home on Thursday evening, February 9, 1956. Those persons attending were Evangeline Keylor, Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson and Lura Walter. Howard Keylor was at home when the members arrived but he stated he had to go to a Democratic Club meeting, because some of the prospective candidates were to be present and a large attendance was necessary to pressure them on issues.

"Final plans were made for the People's World circulation drive party scheduled for Saturday night, February 11th and Lulu Mae Thompson made a brief report on the Regional meeting held February 5th in Wheatland.

"Since there were so few members present, any further business was postponed to the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday evening, February 16th at Keylor's.

/s/ [redacted]

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/17/56 and could furnish no additional information. b6 b7C b7D

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SA ROBERT P. SAVAGE

ROBERT WILLIAMS
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Remove SA PETER T. SEXTON, dated 2/20/56.

AT TRACY, CALIFORNIA

The records of the Tracy PD were reviewed by the writer on 3/22/56. These records reflect that ROBERT WILLIAMS, 126 Parker Ave., Tracy, in May, 1942 was the complainant in a burglary and that in April, 1943 subject reported the loss of his gas ration book, which was stolen from an unnamed hotel room in San Francisco. There is no criminal record for the subject in the files of the Tracy PD.

Chief of Police NEAL TREMAINE, Tracy, advised that the street numbers in Tracy were changed in about 1949 or 1950 and that the subject's former address of 126 Parker Ave. is now 1226 Parker Ave. The above would indicate that the subject has resided at this address for several years.

The records of the Tracy Credit Bureau were examined by SA ROBERT P. SAVAGE on 3/22/56. These records reflect that ROBERT WILLIAMS of 1226 Parker Ave. has been employed as a locomotive engineer, SPRR, Tracy, for over 25 years.

These records further reflect that the subject had former residences at Fresno and San Francisco, California. Dates of these residences are not listed. Subject's first wife, LARCARA is deceased and subject is presently married to HAZEL PHELPS.

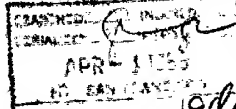
SF 1604-S [redacted] orally advised SA SAVAGE on [redacted]

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Inasmuch as the subject is apparently not connected with the CP or CP front groups in San Joaquin County and that the original information in this matter comes from a list that is unidentifiable, it is recommended that this case be closed administratively and no action be taken at this time.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES
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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (97-27) DATE: 4/4/56
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD;
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 2/16/56. This report, dated 2/14/56, concerns a DPW circulation drive party held in Stockton, California, on 2/11/56. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
February 14, 1956

"A party to promote the circulation drive of the People's World was held at the Howard Keylor home on Saturday evening, February 11, 1956.

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"Those present at the party were:

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Murdock (representing
the paper)
Bill Spencer
Tom Maloney
Jack Jilbert
Larry Kilmer and Betty (his fiancée)
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson
Howard and Evangeline Keylor
Bill Rodin

"Steve Murdock talked on the position of the
paper and its aims in the coming election and
its stand on the issues. He then answered
questions asked by the guests on the same
subjects.

"Refreshments were served during the evening
and the guests started leaving about 10:15 P.M.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT
F. SAVAGE on 2/17/56 and could furnish no additional in-
formation.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 4/4/56

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY;
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The following written report was furnished to
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF-1604-S on February 26, 1956. This
report, dated February 23, 1956, concerns a CP meeting held
in Stockton, California, on February 16, 1956. This report
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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
February 23, 1956

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party
at the Howard Keylor home on Thursday
evening, February 16, 1956. Those persons
attending were:

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Howard and Evangeline Keylor
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson
Lura Walter

"Chairman Howard Keylor called the meeting to order at 10 minutes to 8:00 PM. He reported that Larry Kilmer had called Steve Murdock the morning after the People's World circulation drive party to go out with him to contact three people who had responded to the flood broadside which the Club had distributed. Murdock said he couldn't go out, so Lulu Mae Thompson offered to take Evangeline Keylor out on Wednesday afternoon, February 22nd to see these people. Howard Keylor stated he thought they should be seen on a week end or in the evening so the husbands could be the ones talked to, but he was over ruled. The members said they didn't feel that the Club should feel obligated to accept another quota on new subscriptions, but the paper could be notified that the members would make an effort to get at least three more subscriptions.

"Keylor reported that he had talked to Mrs. Austin, the new Chairman of the Executive Board of NAACP and that she was very broad minded and progressive and willing to have him work with the NAACP, even though she was acquainted with his background. He stated the next NAACP meeting would be held on February 20th and the Thompsons and Lura Walter said they would attend.

"Keylor then reviewed the political situation in the area concerning a candidate to run against Leroy Johnson. He stated he had been chosen by the Port Stockton Democratic Club as one of their delegates to the nominating convention in Modesto to be held on Saturday, February 18th.

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"Keylor expressed the opinion that, since all Communist Party members are supposed to join a Democratic Party Club, it would be a good idea if all the members of the Stockton Club in the Stockton area joined the Port Stockton Club. All those present agreed and Keylor said he would notify them of the date for the next meeting as soon as it is set.

"Keylor asked Lulu Mae Thompson what Rudy Lambert had said about spending some time in the area contacting prospective donors to CEDC. She said Lambert had stated he would come of there was a definite list of prospects prepared ahead of time, and if someone else could go out with him if Keylor was tied up. Keylor "hemmed and hawed" and said there should be some discussion, that he had some prospects in mind, but it would take some time to prepare a list. Lulu Mae Thompson told him she thought the best place to start was for him to make his list of prospects up since he seemed to be the only one with ideas, and then the discussion could start from there. Keylor agreed and said he would prepare the list.

"The Club discussed the matter of meeting nights and it was decided that it would be best to meet every other week since all members are to join the Democratic Club and the NAACP and it would make too many meetings to attend every week. The date set for the next meeting was Thursday, March 1, 1956 at the Keylor's.

"The group decided to donate 10¢ per member per meeting until the Club's quota of \$15.00 for the Alabama fund has been raised.

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"The matter of Club elections was the last item on the agenda and the time set for the close of the meeting would not allow any discussion on the question.. Keylor stated 'this was all right, because you and I (speaking to Howard Thompson) should talk this matter over before presenting it to the Club.' Lulu Mae Thompson objected to this, stating that the election of Club officers was a matter that concerned the whole Club and she was supported in this by the other Club members. It was then decided that the election would be the first item on the agenda at the next meeting.

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[Redacted Signature]

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/1/56, and could furnish no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 4/16/56
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 3/9/56. This report,
dated 3/7/56, is set out verbatim and the original is
maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
March 7, 1956

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party in
the home of the HOWARD KEYLOR's on Thursday evening,
March 1, 1956. Those persons present were HOWARD and
EVANGELINE KEYLOR, HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON and
LURA WALTER.

"The Chairman, HOWARD KEYLOR, called the meeting
to order at 7:50 PM and read the proposed agenda. He
then reported on the Port Stockton Democratic Club
and the part they played in the Democratic Party 11th
Congressional District Nominating Convention which was
held in Modesto. He said the delegates from the Port
Stockton Club withheld their support until MC FALL
declared himself on several issues they considered vital.

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"KEYLOR then called for a report on the NAACP and HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON stated they had both joined at the last meeting, but they felt that attendance at one meeting did not give them enough knowledge of the organization to comment on its activities. KEYLOR then remarked that he thought it would be best if he and the THOMPSONS did not openly acknowledge the fact that they were acquainted, because his position in the community was known to the NAACP leadership.

"In reporting on the People's World the situation of having LARRY KILMER as the local representative for the paper was discussed and it was the general opinion that it would be advisable and advantageous to the paper to have someone more closely connected to the Club and also someone who would be more accurate in keeping records to fill this position. LURA WALTER was suggested for the duty, but a definite decision was postponed until the Club holds its elections.

"HOWARD KEYLOR stated he had made a list of names he thought might be approached on CEDC by RUDY LAMBERT and whoever could go out with him. The list was read and each person discussed. Some of those selected for contacts were: BILL WEBER, LUKE DUNCAN, VINCE CABEBEE, SAM OLIVER, PHIL DAVENPORT, Mrs. JORDAN and Attorney SAUNDERS.

"The Club elections had been scheduled for the last part of the meeting, but all the discussions had been prolonged until there was insufficient time. There was some comment on the proposed officers and LURA WALTER proposed that the present officers be retained. HOWARD THOMPSON stated that he thought that LULU MAE THOMPSON would be better than himself as Club representative to the State, since his own health made it a burden for him to attend at times and the KEYLOR's car could not be depended upon so they would be unreliable as representative.

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"Since the Club had decided to meet every two weeks, there was no other meeting scheduled before the Regional meeting in Sacramento on March 11th, so EVANGELINE KEYLOR proposed that a meeting be held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Thursday, March 8, 1956 and all present agreed."

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/12/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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SAC, SEATTLE (100-23401)

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Re: Remylet dated 2/24/56.

Mrs. HELEN HENDERSON, Clerk, INS, 630 Sansome St. San Francisco, Calif., advised on 4/6/56 that the records of the Subject were forwarded to INS, Seattle, Wash. in 1952. She advised that INS, SF, has received no additional information on this Subject since that time.

SF 1604-S [redacted] all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, and are familiar with CP activities in the Stockton, Calif., area, advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that they are not acquainted with the Subject and have never heard of the Subject.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-21286) 4/26/56
FROM: SA R. F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 3/26/56. This report, dated 3/23/56, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
March 23, 1956

"On Thursday evening, March 22, 1956, a Communist Party meeting was held at the Howard Keylor home and those persons attending were Lura Walter, Hoard and Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard and Evangeline Keylor.

"Howard Keylor called the meeting to order at about 8:00 PM and asked Lulu Mae Thompson to report on the Regional meeting which was held in Wheatland on March 11th. Following her report there was a brief discussion by the members on whether the Club should order one of Foster's new books, "Outline History of the International Trade Union Movement." Since there was not money in the treasury for the purchase it was decided to wait until a little later to order a copy for the Club.

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100-32136 [REDACTED]
100-11596 (NAACP)
100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) [REDACTED]

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"Keylor stated that Sid Schurr had donated \$5.00 to be used in any way he saw fit, and he had discussed it with Lulu Mae Thompson, Lura Walter and Evangeline Keylor and the majority opinion had been in favor of ordering 400 of the "Civil Rights" broadside being published by the People's World. He had ordered the papers and they had arrived already. There was a lengthy discussion on distribution and it was decided that Howard Keylor and Larry Kilmer would distribute some on Sunday morning and Howard Keylor and Howard Thompson would deliver some on Monday evening. Evangeline Keylor said she would like to mail some, but Howard Keylor reminded her that there was no money to cover a mailing, so Howard Thompson gave her \$1.00 to pay for stamped envelopes for some of the papers.

"Howard Thompson and Lulu Mae Thompson reported on the NAACP meeting which was held on Monday, March 19th and Howard Keylor reported that he had attended the meeting of the Port Stockton Democratic Club on Tuesday evening, March, 13th and that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27th.

"The next meeting of the Communist Party Club will be held at the Howard Keylor home on April 5th.

"/s/

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The Informant was thoroughly interviewed by SA SAVAGE on 4/3/56 and could furnish no further information.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-21286)

4/27/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 3/22/56. This report, dated 3/21/56, concerns a meeting of the CP held at Stockton, Calif. on 3/8/56.

The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"March 21, 1956

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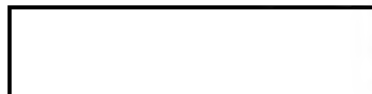
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"There was a Communist Party meeting at the Howard Thompson home on Thursday evening, March 8, 1956. Those present at the meeting were Howard and Evangeline Koylor and Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson.

"The meeting was called to give the Clubs representative to the Regional meeting the proper facts to report.

"There was a long discussion on the problem of finances facing the People's World and what the Club felt was the solution to the problem. The decision reached was that the paper should not have just a short circulation drive, but should publish, at least once a month, a list of those areas making a gain in subscribers and also those maintaining their same number of subscribers for the month, thus giving each group the incentive to work toward having their name on the list each time it was published. It was also felt that it would help circulation in the Stockton area if the Club changed representatives, since Larry Kilmer no longer attends meetings to report and it is difficult to contact him and Lura Walter was picked to represent the Club as Press Director in the future.

"The members decided to request some action from the Review Committee on the reorganized Club, since they had not appeared for the final meeting when it was scheduled and those present felt the Review Committee should come to some conclusion on the status of the organization in the County.

"The Club elections were discussed and there was no formal vote taken on who the officers would be. Howard Thompson stated he felt Lulu Mae Thompson should be the Club's representative at the Regional meetings, because she could be depended upon to be able to go.

"Kaylor stated he wanted to go to the meetings coming up the 11th, but he might have to work, so Lulu Mae Thompson said she would count on going, whether he

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went or not, because it would be easier that way.

"Howard Keylor turned \$5.00 over to the treasurer, Lulu Mae Thompson, that he said had been donated to CEDC by Dave Jenkins. Howard Thompson donated \$20.00 (a days pay) to CEDC also.

"Lulu Mae Thompson reported that Rudy Lambert had come to the Thompson home on Sunday morning, March 4th and asked the Thompsons to get in touch with Leila Noland and tell her if she could produce her receipt from the Civil Rights Congress for the \$50.00 she donated to them, she could get her money back. Lulu Mae visited her on Tuesday March 6th and Leila said she had burned her receipt about three months before.

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This Informant was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/26/56 and could furnish no further information.

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TO: SAC, SF (100-21286) 5/1/56
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 4/18/56. This report, dated 4/17/56, concerns a CP meeting held at Stockton, Calif. on 4/12/56. The report is ~~set forth verbatim~~ and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton, California.
"April 17, 1956

"A meeting of the Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County was held Thursday evening, April 12, 1956 at the Howard Keylor home in Stockton. Those attending the meeting were Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson,

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Howard and Evangeline Keylor and Lura Walter.

"The chairman, Howard Keylor called the meeting to order at about 8:00 PM. He announced that he had been promised another subscription to the People's World which would bring the Club total to 10 on the drive quota of 200% of the original quota.

"Lulu Mae Thompson stated she had made a trip to Leila Noland's on Tuesday, April 10th and she and Leila had gone from there to the Bergman's at Pine Grove and she had gotten a \$20.00 post-dated check from Mary Bergman for CEDC. Howard Thompson stated he would donate \$10.00 more to CEDC for Larry Kilmer because Larry had fixed some radios that he (Howard Thompson) had gotten to sell for the drive.

"Howard Keylor reported that he had talked to Attorney Saunders at the Port Stockton Democratic Club meeting on Monday, April 9, 1956 and Saunders told him that he was the one who had suggested the boycott of the Stockton City Lines on March 28th, Deliverance Day. He said he had been able to do it in a round about way so that the Party would not be connected with the idea.

"Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson said they had not been invited to join the Port Stockton Democratic Club but had been asked to contact one of the Club's members from Lathrop. Keylor said they possibly had in mind the reactivating of the Lathrop Club, but he thought it would be best to keep all the Clubs members active in the one Democratic Club. Thompson's said they felt that if the Lathrop Club is reactivated that that would be the only proper place for them to work.

"The next meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday evening, April 26th at the Keylor's and the main part of the meeting will be devoted to an educational

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conducted by Howard Keylor on the articles in the People's World by Adam Lapin on the 20th Congress of the Communist Party.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA SAVAGE on 4/24/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (25-29163)

5/22/56

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM

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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau dated 3/23/56.

The following investigation has been conducted at Stockton, Calif., by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE in an effort to locate any elements of the above captioned:

Lieutenants LORNE BROWN and ELMER BRISCOE, San Joaquin County SO advised on 4/9/56 that they had never heard of the MUSLIM CULT or SIMS E. X.

Chief of Police JACK O'NEFF, Stockton, California., advised on 4/9/56 that he is not familiar with the MUSLIM CULT of ISLAM.

[redacted] SF 1664-S, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/16/56 that they have never heard of the MUSLIM CULT.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/16/56 that he had never heard of SIMS E. X. or of the MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM. b7D

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is familiar with the Negro activities in the Stockton, Calif., area, advised on 4/9/56 and on 5/11/56 that he has never heard of any activities in this area pertaining to the MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM and he is not familiar with the name SIMS E. X.

In view of the fact no further investigation is being conducted in Stockton, California, informants will advise should they hear of any activity by this CULT.

cc: 25-29163

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on May 15, 1956. This report, dated May 13, 1956, concerns a Communist Party meeting held at Stockton, California, on April 26, 1956. The original of this report is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
May 13, 1956

"A meeting of the Communist Party was held at the HOWARD KEYLOR home on Thursday evening, April 26, 1956. Those persons attending the meeting were HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR, HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON and JACK JILBERT.

"The Chairman, HOWARD KEYLOR opened the meeting by giving a brief report on the Regional meeting held in Wheatland on Sunday April 15, 1956. Following this report, KEYLOR conducted an 'educational' on the 20th Congress of the Communist Party, based on the series of articles by ADAM LAPIN in the People's World.

"The date set for the next regular meeting was Thursday, May 10, 1956 at the KEYLOR'S.

/s/ [redacted]

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on May 18, 1956, and could furnish no additional information.

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